

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims to read as indicated below:

Claim 1 (previously presented) A method for displaying records responsive to a database query where the records are characterized by having identifiers and content elements comprising the steps of:

displaying a list of identifiers for at least two of said records; and

displaying simultaneously content elements of at least one of the records.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said displayed content elements comprise the entirety of one of said records responsive records to a database query.

Claim 3 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said identifiers comprise case citations.

Claim 4 (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of identifying and marking records responsive to a database query displayed in their entirety in a prior database query.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sorting said records responsive records to a database query.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said records responsive records to a database query are legal documents which include

a record name;

a record legal citation;

a record date; and

a record author.

Claim 8 (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of computing the relevance of said responsive records.

Claim 9 (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of computing the relevance of said records.

Claim 10 (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to said record name.

Claim 11 (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to said record citation.

Claim 12 (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to said record date.

Claim 13 (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to said record author.

Claim 14 (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to said relevance of said records.

Claim 15 (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of resolving ties in a preceding sort.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of identifying records responsive records to a database query that were displayed in their entirety in a prior database query.

Claim 17 (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said responsive records are identified with text.

Claim 18 (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said responsive records are identified with icons.

Claim 19 (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said responsive records are identified with color.

Claim 20 (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said responsive records are identified with a browser viewed link designation.

Claim 21 (previously presented) An apparatus for displaying records responsive to a database query where the records are characterized by having identifiers and content elements comprising:

means for displaying a list of identifiers for at least two of said records; and

means for displaying simultaneously content elements of

at least one of the records.

Claim 22 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said displayed content elements comprise the entirety of one of said records responsive records to a database query.

Claim 23 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a means for identifying said records responsive records to a database query.

Claim 24 (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for identifying and marking records displayed in their entirety in a prior database query.

Claim 25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for sorting said records responsive records to a database query.

Claim 27 (original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein said means for sorting comprises an algorithm.

Claim 28 (original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said algorithm comprises:

means for computing the frequency of occurrence of a plurality of search terms; and
means for ordering said responsive records based on said frequency.

Claim 29 (original) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said algorithm further comprises:

means for computing the proximity of said search terms; and
means for ordering said responsive records based on said proximity.

Claim 30 (original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said algorithm comprises:

means for computing the proximity of a plurality of said search terms; and
means for ordering said responsive records based on said proximity.

Claim 31-33 (cancelled)

Claim 34 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means of computing the relevance of said records responsive records to a database query.

Claim 35 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record name.

Claim 36 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record citation.

Claim 37 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record date.

Claim 38 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record author.

Claim 39 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record rank, said record rank being determined by a previously-applied algorithm.

Claim 40 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for identifying records ~~contained in said list of responsive records~~ to a database query that were displayed in their entirety in a prior database query.

Claim 41 (original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein said identifying means comprises text.

Claim 42 (original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein said identifying means comprises an icon.

Claim 43 (original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein said identifying means comprises colored text.

Claim 44 (original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein said identifying means comprises a viewed link designation.

Claim 45 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a means for identifying records ~~contained in said list of responsive records~~ to a database query that were selected in a prior database query.

Claim 46 (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said identifying means comprises text.

Claim 47 (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said identifying means comprises an icon.

Claim 48 (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said identifying means comprises colored text.

Claim 49 (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said identifying means comprises a viewed link designation.

Claim 50 (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of replacing said displayed content element with a different content element.

Claim 51 (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a means of replacing said displayed content element with a different content element.

Claim 52 (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said content elements include a first paragraph and said displayed content element is said first paragraph.

Claim 53 (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said content elements include a first paragraph and said displayed content element is said first paragraph.

Claim 54 (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said content elements include paragraphs and further comprising the steps of:

identifying a most relevant paragraph of said record; and

choosing said most relevant paragraph as said content element to display.

Claim 55 (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said content elements include paragraphs and further comprising a means for:

identifying a most relevant paragraph of said record; and

choosing said most relevant paragraph as said content element to display.

Claim 56 (previously presented) A method for displaying records responsive to a database query on a screen having at least two panels where the records are characterized by having identifiers and content elements, comprising the steps of:

displaying in a first panel simultaneously the identifier and at least one content element of at least one record; and

displaying in a second panel the identifier of each record of at least two different records.

Claim 57 (previously presented) An apparatus for displaying records responsive to a database query on a screen having at least two panels where the records are characterized by having identifiers and content elements, comprising:

means for displaying in a first panel simultaneously the identifier and at least one content element of at least one record; and

means for displaying in a second panel the identifier of each record of at least two different records.

Claim 58 (currently amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of resorting said ~~responsive~~ records responsive to a database query.

Claim 59 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising the means for resorting said ~~responsive~~ records responsive to a database query.

Claim 60 (previously presented) The method of claim 56 further comprising the step of resorting said records responsive to a database query.

Claim 61 (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 57 further comprising the means of resorting said records responsive to a database query.

Claim 62 (previously presented) The method of claim 1 where said identifiers are identified using XML tags.

Claim 63 (previously presented) The method of claim 1 where said content elements are identified using XML tags.

Claim 64 (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21 where said identifiers are identified using XML tags.

Claim 65 (previously presented) The apparatus of 21 where said content elements are identified using XML tags.

Claim 66 (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein a prior search is conducted before the database query, further comprising the step of identifying responsive records that were printed in their entirety in the prior search.

Claim 67 (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein a prior search is conducted before the database query, further comprising means of identifying responsive records that were printed in their entirety in the prior search.

Claims 68-70 (cancelled)

Claim 71 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said algorithm comprises:

means for identifying keywords in the database query;

means for computing the frequency that documents were selected by users that used a prior search query containing at least one of said keywords; and
means for ordering said ~~responsive~~ records responsive to a database query based on said frequency.

Claims 72-73 (cancelled)

Claim 74 (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of identifying records responsive to a prior database query.

Claim 75 (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for identifying records responsive to a prior database query.